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### THE NEED OF FREE COLLEGE EDUCATION FOR GIRLS.

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The Shirley R. Green Scholarship for Girls was recently awarded by the Committee which has the matter in charge to Miss Ginevra Dean of Lexington, Texas, for 1912-1913. This Scholarship was founded by Mr. A. C. Green in 1903 in memory of his sister, who was greatly interested in educational work, and who had a wonderful power in stimulating young people to strive for higher education. The value of the Scholarship is \$250 a year, and in awarding it the Committee tries to select a girl of intellectual ability and strong character who would be unable to attend the University without it. There are many such girls in Texas, and it is a source of great regret to the Committee and to the University authorities that there is but one such Scholarship to award.

There were nearly a hundred applications for the Shirley Green Scholarship. Some of them were from girls who will graduate from high schools next June, and whose parents are unable to send them to College. Some are from young women who have been teaching school for years and trying without success to save enough money to spend a year or two at College. Still others were from mothers of such girls who wrote without the knowledge of their daughters, so that they would not be disappointed if the Scholarship was awarded elsewhere. Some of the letters are particularly touching, and one can not read them without wishing that greater provision could be made for giving at least one year of College training to intellectual, ambitious, strong-minded girls who are now debarred from such opportunities as this would open to them.

After a year at the University, girls can often find work in Austin that enables them to continue their course. The University recently published a bulletin giving the experiences of such students. But it takes a brave girl to make the initial step in a strange town and a strange career. Could our patriotic societies and our philanthropists direct their efforts to a more important end than that of easing the way for young women to earn a College education?

## **GIRLS WHO WANT TO GO TO COLLEGE.**

The letters below show something of the longing for a college education by those who see no way to obtain it. They were written in application for the Shirley Green Scholarship.

Dear Sir:

A friend of mine sent me a clipping from the Houston Chronicle showing that you were giving a free Scholarship for this coming year. As I am exceedingly anxious to go to school, I am quite interested in this. Perhaps some one else may win, but nevertheless it won't do any harm to write and try for it.

I am a very poor girl striving to improve myself, also to help support my mother. We both work hard, but if I could get this Scholarship, some day I could support her easily. Oh, how I would appreciate the kindness shown if you could give it to me.

From the article in the paper I didn't understand if the Scholarship was for a girl's board or the schooling,—tuition, I mean. Mother said the tuition was always free, so I judge the Scholarship must be for the board.

I am a young girl only twenty-two years old, but believe I would appreciate the grand opportunity as much as anyone. It may be possible that I am not far enough advanced to enter; I have had very little advantage, only went to a country school and didn't get to go all the time, either, until about three years ago I went to.....two years, but owing to hard times at home I had to return before the end of the year, very much against my wishes.

While in.....I worked for my board, and the money I paid my tuition with was what I had made in the cotton field at home the year before.

Dear Sir:

I saw in the Dallas News of the 25th your article in reference to the Green Scholarship. I want to suggest for your consideration the name of Miss ..... She is a young woman of good family, fine mind and gentle breeding. She is ambitious and deserving, and to my personal knowledge has been endeavoring for the past two years to accumulate a fund to enable her to take the University course.

Because of family conditions this has been impossible. She is one of six sisters, is helping to provide the home and education for younger sisters and mother.

Her mind and personality will reflect credit on any institution—even our own University. Without help I feel confident she can never attain the goal she has been seeking the past two years, and you would never have cause to regret your choice should you select her for this honor.

Dear Sir:

We have in our senior class this year a Miss....., who will likely have the highest grades among the girls. She is an orphan girl. She has a mother, two sisters and two small brothers. The mother is an invalid. The two oldest girls are graduates from our high school. Since then they have taken a business course and both have positions, and it is from their labor that the family is supported. There is not a finer family in our city, though poor and dependent on daily labor.

Miss ..... is a woman of very sweet disposition, refined in every way, one of the very quickest and brightest minds that we have ever had in the high school. Her record these four years has been the very best in her class. She is strictly business, and employs every moment to improve herself. No better girl anywhere for the place or the honors or favors you have to bestow. I stake my reputation on her as to her character, her ability, her standing among us, and her keen sense of appreciation for anything that is done for her.

Any further thing that I may furnish you will be gladly furnished.

## **SOME RECENT WRITINGS BY TEXANS.**

College professors, in addition to other duties of various kinds, write and publish more books than most men of other professions. This is to be expected, for two reasons; because they are usually thought to know more about their special field of study than does the average citizen, and because they are able to instruct by means of the printed page as well as by personal contact with students. Thus many people know President Eliot and have learned from him, though they never saw him. By writing books President Eliot has vastly increased his influence beyond the sphere of Harvard University.

In this connection a recently compiled list of books and magazine articles written by teachers in the University of Texas, and published in 1911, is of interest. The list embraces some ninety-odd titles of books and signed articles. For example, seven of these signed articles appeared in *The Nation*, three in the *Sewanee Review*, and two in *The Popular Science Monthly*. Many of them written in less popular style appeared in the leading educational periodicals of this country and Europe. Their titles show every variety of subject, from "Experiments on the Use of Drugs in Accidents" to a discussion of the Latin dative.

The list of new books by these Texas authors includes:

English Elements in Jonson's Early Comedy, by C. R. Baskervill; pp. 328; University of Texas Bulletin.

Sir Perceval of Galles: A Study of the Sources of the Legend, by R. H. Griffith; pp. 131; University of Chicago Press.

History of Economic Thought, by L. H. Haney; pp. 567; The Macmillan Company.

Henry Fox, First Lord Holland: A Study of the Career of an Eighteenth Century Politician, by T. W. Riker; 2 vols., pp. 438; 419; Clarendon Press.

School Room Essentials: An Elementary Treatise on Management and Method, by W. S. Sutton and P. W. Horn; pp. 363; C. A. Bryant Company.

Thackeray's English Humorists of the Eighteenth Century, edited with Introduction and notes by Stark Young; pp. 285; Ginn and Co.

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## **BIBLE STUDY AMONG UNIVERSITY STUDENTS.**

Seven years ago the Missionary Society of the Christian Church established near the University of Texas Campus suitable buildings in which to conduct classes studying the Bible. From the very beginning many students, having come from Christian homes, desired to pursue Biblical studies under the leadership of a teacher fitted especially to give such instruction, and they found in these buildings their opportunity. From the very beginning, also, many students actually came. The work grew in such a way that permission was asked and granted to allow students taking Bible courses to receive credit for the work toward a B. A. University degree. In reality, this is the first year under this arrangement. The courses are made equivalent to University courses. About forty students are taking advantage of this opportunity. The University of Texas is on the same basis as Christian schools throughout the State, so nothing unusual has happened in acknowledging the Bible work. This bit of news ought to be a comfort to many parents anxious for the religious welfare of their children.

## **STATE CONFERENCE OF CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.**

The University of Texas in its attempt to be broadly useful to the people of the whole State is engaged, through its Department of Economics, in the study of the problems that are of vital importance to all Texans. Mr. Charles S. Potts, Professor of Government, is also the President of the State Conference of Charities and Corrections which, together with the Southern Conference on Tuberculosis and the Texas Anti-Tuberculosis Association, will hold its second annual meeting at Waco on April 14, 15, and 16. It is the belief of the men heading this movement that reforms to be effective must work largely from the bottom up,—that not only the State Penitentiaries need supervision and reform, but that the county official has problems well worthy of study. Therefore the attempt has been made to have the present program one that deals squarely with the every-day questions confronting the county judge, the county jailor, the manager of the county poor-farm and reformatory.

Every mayor, county judge, and superintendent of a State or county charitable or correctional institution into whose hands this program may come, is urged to be present in person and take part in the discussions, or to appoint one or more delegates to represent his city, county, or institution. The program has been arranged with special reference to the problems and difficulties these officials have to deal with. Heads of educational institutions and local charity organizations are also urged to appoint delegates.

### **PROGRAM.**

#### **Sunday Evening, April 14, 8 O'clock.**

Address of Welcome—President S. P. Brooks, Baylor University, Waco.

Presidential Address—Prof. C. S. Potts, University of Texas, Austin.

Address, "The Call to Social Service"—Prof. Thomas J. Riley, Washington University, St. Louis.

#### **Monday, April 15, 9:30 O'clock.**

1. Family Desertion—Mayor Ed McCuistian, Paris, Texas; Judge S. J. Brooks, San Antonio.

2. The Playground Movement—Mrs. W. A. Callaway, Dallas.

3. County Poor Relief—Judge Tom L. McCulloch, Waco.

4. The Work of the State Orphans Home—Dr. W. L. Bringhurst, Corsicana.

#### **Monday Afternoon, 2:30 O'clock.**

1. State Supervision of Charitable and Correctional Agencies, Public and Private.

(a) Need of Supervision—Dr. Henry Cohen, Galveston.

(b) Supervision of Children's Institutions—Judge J. N. Wilkerson, Fort Worth.

(c) Method and Machinery of Supervision—Dr. George Fox, Fort Worth.

Discussion—Mr. H. Huson, Assistant Commissioner of Charities of Oklahoma.

#### **Monday Evening, 8 O'clock.**

1. Present Penitentiary System in Texas—Governor O. B. Colquitt.

2. Penitentiary Reform—Capt. Ben Cabell, Chairman Penitentiary Commission:

#### **Tuesday Morning, April 16, 9:30 O'clock.**

1. Compulsory Education.

(a) Compulsory Education and the Farmer—Mr. Peter Radford, Fort Worth, President State Farmers' Union.

(b) The Cities and Compulsory Edu-

cation—Prof. W. W. Phelan, Baylor University.

2. The Juvenile Offender.

(a) Dallas County's Experience—Mr. W. G. Leeman, County Probation Officer, Dallas.

(b) The County Judge and the Juvenile Problem—Judge R. E. Bratton, Fort Worth.

(c) The Wayward Girl—Mrs. Kate S. M. Rotan, Waco, Vice President Texas Congress of Mothers.

**Tuesday Afternoon, 2 O'clock.**

1. Business Session.

2. First Session Southwestern Conference on Tuberculosis.

**Tuesday Evening, 8 O'clock.**

1. Care of the Feeble-Minded—Dr. A. C. Ellis, University of Texas, Austin.

2. Meeting of the Texas Anti-Tuberculosis Association.

**Wednesday Morning, April 17, 9:30 O'clock.**

Second Session Southwestern Conference on Tuberculosis.

**Wednesday Afternoon, 2:30 O'clock.**

Third Session Southwestern Conference on Tuberculosis.

## **FILL-UPS.**

Mr. Blankenship, Visitor of Rural Schools for the University of Texas, is using his camera very effectively in gathering material for the study of the problems of the school in the small community. Some of his photographs show most interestingly the undesirable lighting of some schools, and the unsatisfactory water supply of others. He has also a splendid series of pictures of the out-door games of the rural school.

Mr. Potts, Professor of Government in the University of Texas, and author of the Bulletins, Crime and the Treatment of the Criminal, and Some Practical Problems of Prison Reform, has been asked by Governor Hooker of Tennessee to speak on the subject of the Indeterminate Sentence before the Sociological Conference for the Southern States.

The Department of History of the University of Texas has just issued a bulletin entitled Suggestions for the Teaching of History and Civics in the High School. This Bulletin will be sent, as are other bulletins of the University, free of charge to anyone who applies for it.

The graduates of the University of Texas who live in Oklahoma have recently organized into an active association. The men from old Texas who are living in the new State are fast becoming prominent in its affairs, and there were present at this meeting strong men of business, many county judges, as well as several district and superior judges.

In October of the present year there will be held at the University of Texas competitive examinations for the Cecil Rhodes Scholarship—a scholarship enabling its holder to study for three years at Oxford University, England, upon a stipend of three hundred pounds yearly. The President of the University will gladly furnish information to any who are planning to take the examination.

## **FOLK-LORE IN TEXAS.**

At the recent annual meeting of the Texas Folk-Lore Society held in Austin, a very distinctively western topic was handled by Mr. R. M. Anderson of Uvalde—a student of the University—under the title of Folk-Lore in Cattle Brands. The brands, he stated, were largely a matter of the whim of the owner; but these whims proved a sort of monument to his character. The man who marked his cattle with letters from the Greek alphabet was evidently no uneducated lout; the man who stamped a whiskey jug on his sober and unsuspecting steer was probably not a teetotaler; the man who used a brand that seared its way from the jaw to the hind foot was clearly not especially humane.

Then there was the brand especially designed to cover the brand of the rightful owner; while the lover of nature showed his true character by selecting some such brand as the "flying arrow."

Mr. Anderson announced in closing his talk that he had grown enthusiastically interested in the study of the Texas cattle brands and was eager to make a complete study of them. He will be glad to get letters from people who can tell him of peculiar brands and the history that lies back of them.

On the program were other papers with an interest for the Texan. Among these were:

Some Local Legends of Texas—Mrs. Lillie T. Shaver, San Marcos.

A Batch of Mexican Border Ballads—Mr. S. N. Gaines, Fort Worth.

A Report on Texas Play Party Games and Songs—Dr. L. W. Payne, Jr., Austin.